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Dear Sirs:

I am commenting on the proposed requirement to eliminate Emergency Locator Beacons on the 121.5 frequency. While this seems to be a safety related item, the reality is that with the higher cost of fuels and avionics that are needed to fly, that adding one more cost to do something that is already working makes no sense.

I would like to respectfully request that the 121.5 frequency continue to be allowed in addition to the 406 mhz frequency. If everyone were to suddenly have to replace their unit the costs would skyrocket and the unit availability would be an issue. This should be phase in over the course of ten years giving time for the 406 units to become more economical. It would be worthwhile to phase it in with the ADS B requirements so that perhaps ADS B compliance with the 406 could be combined to help minimize the extra burdens.

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